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SUBJ: PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN, MAY 29

1. THE PRESIDENT MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO PARTICIPATED.
2. THE FIRST SUBJECT WAS THE DANISH DECISION TO BUY THE F-16, FOR WHICH THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION. THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER TOOK SPECIAL NOTE OF THE BUSINESSLIKE WAY IN WHICH THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE CONDUCTED.
3. THE PRESIDENT THEN STRESSED THE FIRMNESS OF US COMMITMENTS. REFERRING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA, HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE COME THROUGH A DIFFICULT TIME IN GOOD SHAPE AND WILL BE A GOOD PARTNER IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST. WE WILL BUILD ON WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIELD OF DETENTE, BUT OUR HEART AND STRENGTH ARE IN THE ALLIANCE.

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4. THE PRESIDENT NOTED EVIDENCE OF UPTURN IN US ECONOMY,

AND THE PRIME MINISTER BRIEFLY REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE DANISH ECONOMY, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE AN UPTURN AS EARLY AS 1976. HE SAID THE TENDENCY WAS RIGHT.

5. THE PRIME MINISTER COMPLIMENTED THE TIRELESS US EFFORTS TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND THERE ENSUED A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE PROSPECTS. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS WITH SADAT AND RABIN WILL LEAD TO CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT. WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON AVOIDING A STALEMATE.

6. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS GRATIFICATION OVER THE GOOD ATMOSPHERE PREVAILING IN BRUSSELS FOR THE NATO SUMMIT. HE FELT THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS AS WELL AS THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED. IN THE US WE WERE ALSO MORE UNIFIED AS EVIDENCED BY THE SUPPORT IN CONGRESS AND AMONG OUR PEOPLE FOR NATO.

7. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON PORTUGAL IN WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER REFERRED TO HIS MEETING WITH GONCALVES WHO, HE SAID, HAD TALKED A GOOD DEAL ABOUT INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS ABOUT PORTUGAL'S INTENTION TO REMAIN IN NATO. ON THE INTERNAL PORTUGUESE SITUATION, JORGENSEN FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT GONCALVES REALLY THINKS, BUT THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. THIS WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED IN DENMARK. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS WOULD PLAY A BIGGER PART, BUT NOTED HIS CONCERN THAT THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE IS NOT ADEQUATELY HEARD IN THE GOVERNMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE ELECTION IN APRIL WAS ENCOURAGING. THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT, IF WE ALL TAKE A STRONG POSITION AGAINST DICTATORSHIP IN PORTUGAL, WE MAY IN THE END HAVE A STRONGER PARTNER. JORGENSEN COMMENTED THAT PORTUGAL HAD HAD A DICTATORSHIP FOR 40 YEARS AND IS NOW TRYING TO FIND NEW FORMS. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE HOPED SO.

8. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF SPEAKING NOTES WHICH THE
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DANISH PRIME MINISTER USED IN HIS INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

9. BEGIN TEXT. MR. PRESIDENT, ALLOW ME FIRST OF ALL TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOU AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A BRIEF EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. I ASKED FOR THIS MEETING BECAUSE I WANTED TO REAFFIRM THE CONVICTION OF THE DANISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE TRADITIONAL AND CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN DENMARK AND

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS A CONSTANT AND NECESSARY
ELEMENT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

10. WE EQUALLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE HERE IN
BRUSSELS FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC
COUNCIL. THIS MEETING OFFERS IN OUR OPINION A MOST WELCOME
OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR CONVICTION THAT NATO
CONTINUES TO PROVIDE THE INDISPENSABLE BASIS FOR OUR
MUTUAL SECURITY. WE FIND IT IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE TO
OUR OWN PEOPLES AND TO THE WORLD AS A WHOLE THE COHESION
OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE SOLIDARITY OF ITS MEMBERS. IN
THE TROUBLED AND RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD OF TODAY OUR
COLLECTIVE DEFENCE EFFORTS REMAIN NECESSARY. THEY ALSO
FORM THE FOUNDATION OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE.

1. QUITE IN PARTICULAR I WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT OUR
CONFIDENCE IN THE DECISIVE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES
AS THE GUARANTOR OF WESTERN SECURITY.

12. IT MAY FROM TIME TO TIME OCCUR THAT DIFFERENCES OF
OPINION EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON SOME ISSUES.
SUCH DIFFERENCES WILL NOT, HOWEVER, WEAKEN THE FUNDA-
MENTAL POLICY OF SOLIDARITY BASED ON SHARED IDEALS AND
AIMS, WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ALLIANCE.

13. THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS WITH GREAT ATTENTION
FOLLOWED- AND FULLY SUPPORTED - THE TIRELESS EFFORTS
OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO FIND A POLITICAL SOLUTION
TO THE TRAGIC CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WAS
THEREFORE WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE LEARNED OF THE SUS-
PENSION IN MARCH OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNDERTAKEN BY
DR. KISSINGER.

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14. THROUGH ITS EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST CON-
FLICT THE UNITED STATES IS BRINGING A GREAT CONTRIBUTION
TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD.
END TEXT.
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